

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: Janis L. Dote
KEIJI KOMOTO ET AL)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 1756
Application No.: 09/987,490)	
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Filed: November 15, 2001)	
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For:	IMAGE FORMING METHOD)	
	AND APPARATUS	:	November 3, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

a) <u>Introductory Comments</u>

Supplementing the response to the Final Office Action filed October 7,

2004, kindly replace the Amendments to the Specification Section (b) in that response with
a corrected Amendments to the Specification Section as follows: